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CODEL ARMSTRONG

Senate Foreign Relations Special Committee studying Mutual Security Program has retained Hamilton Fish Armstrong, Editor of Foreign Affairs to make survey of U.S. policy and Mutual Security programs in the Near East as part of the world wide study. Committee anxious trip should proceed if possible. Department willing recommend survey in Lebanon and Iraq unless in view of ~~Mission's current~~ situation would make success of surveys impossible. Armstrong planning depart New York November 20 arrive Beirut November 22 PAA #64 and depart Beirut for Paris and New York December 14 PAA #65. Travel to Baghdad to be arranged on arrival Beirut. ~~Will~~ ^{Would} be accompanied by Mrs. Armstrong and Charles Weaver, assistant to Senator Aiken of Vermont who would act as Armstrong's assistant. Details follow by pouch. Reply requested by November 14.

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State Dept. review completed

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